

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**June 28, 2002**

**IN RE:**

**UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION  
OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION,  
INCENTIVE PLAN ACCOUNT (IPA) AUDIT**

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**DOCKET NO.  
01-00704**

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**ORDER APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

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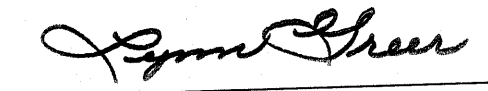
This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on June 18, 2002, for the parties to report to the Directors on the status of this case.

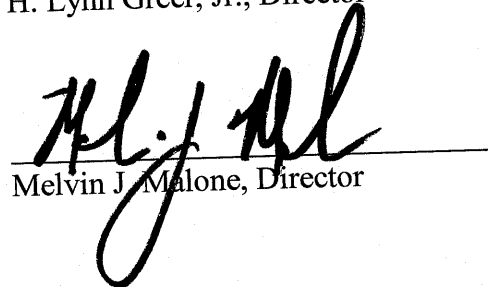
During the June 11, 2002 Authority Conference, the parties informed the Directors that a new hearing date had not been set following a continuance of a hearing originally set for May 20, 2002; nevertheless, they were engaged in settlement negotiations. The Directors requested that the parties report on the status of the case at the June 18, 2002 Authority Conference. During the June 18, 2002 Authority Conference, the parties reported that although negotiations were ongoing, a settlement had not been reached. The Directors voted unanimously to appoint the General Counsel or his designee as Hearing Officer, and as such, the Hearing Officer is to set a hearing date expeditiously, to make findings of fact and conclusions of law and to render an initial decision on the merits, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-301 and 65-2-111 and such other authority as may be provided by law.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The General Counsel or his designee is appointed Hearing Officer to set a hearing date expeditiously and to make findings of fact and conclusions of law and render an initial decision on the merits, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-301 and 65-2-111 and such other authority as may be provided by law.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director

  
Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:

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K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary